# The Villages Art League Newsletter

March 1, 2011

2011 Dues are
due now!



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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS Susan Evans and Fran Naughton

#### $\mathcal{H}_{\text{ello}}$ to All!

Fran and I thank our lucky stars that we are living in The Villages and have the opportunity to enjoy this spring like weather. hope you are all enjoying it too. It's time to get out and enjoy painting plein air. There is a new small group forming and if you are interested ask me about it. We have been meeting once a week outdoors at various locations. It is a challenge to capture the natural light and colors but, so beautiful when you do.

Thanks to our new Program Chair we will be enjoying our new camera and tripod to

help us see the demos that we put on monthly. It will be so much better for everyone and we certainly appreciate Phyllis Speicher's research in getting the right camera for us.

Everyone is looking forward to our upcoming trip to the Dali Museum and the Henry B. Plant Museum. Learning about Dali is quite rewarding as he was such a genius. Joal keeps us all entertained and full of treats that we look forward to enjoying.

Ed Eakins is now helping Kathy Hanson with "Artist of the Month". He will be here to take over when



Kathy goes North for the warm months. We have so many wonderful artists in our club please introduce yourselves to Ed and Kathy and let them know what type of art you do. "You may be our new Artist of the Month"!

Enjoy this beautiful weather and have fun creating,

~Susan Evans

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#### PROGRAM FOR MARCH MEETING—

This months demonstration will be by Julie McGlone. Julie will do a hot wax rice paper batik lesson with handouts on techniques and suggested supplies.

Julie is a member of both the VAL and the VAA and enjoys teaching watercolor classes at Colony Cottage. She has been doing watercolors for 30 years and recently started oil painting. Julie likes trying different media and enjoys operating outside her comfort zone, seeking new challenges.

If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Speicher

# VAL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Monday—9 AM to 12

Fox Glove Room, Saddlebrook Recreation Center

Thursday—1 PM to 5

Arts & Crafts Room, Mulberry Recreation Center

**Saturday**—8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Charlie Chaplin Room, Paradise Recreation Center

» "No great artist ever sees things as they really are, if he did he would cease to be an artist." – Oscar Wilde

#### MARCH ARTIST OF THE MONTH—LOLI LARSON



Born in Europe (Madrid, Spain) my love for Art began at a very young age; I started by taking classes from a renowned Spanish Artist Emilio Soles.



Thank you for taking the time to read this biography, and I hope you love my paintings as much as I love painting them.

My career took a different path and rather than continue painting, I went into the fashion industry. But my love for Art never ended so I returned to my original love of Painting in 1991.



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I took additional classes in Paris and the Instituto de Bella Art in Madrid. I attended different Colleges in California and took several private classes from different artists.

» "There is nothing more difficult for a truly creative painter than to paint a rose, because before he can do so he has first to forget all the roses that were ever painted."

- Henri Matisse

#### MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ March 2 Studio Time at Mulberry Rec. Center
- ♦ March 5 La Galleria Show
- March 7 VAL Meeting 9 am at Saddlebrook
- ♦ March 9 ATCs-Art Trading Cards at Mulberry
- March 9 AHA Workshop Seabreeze Rec. Center
- March 16 Oil Painters-Mulberry Rec. Center
- March 18 VAA Meeting at Hacienda
- March 23 ATCs-Art Trading Cards at Mulberry
- March 24 Deadline for VAL Newsletter submissions

#### WINTER WORKSHOPS 2011—THE VILLAGES

#### **Lian Zhen Watercolor Workshop**



www.lianspainting.com 2 days Fee: P\$138 R \$143 G\$148 La Reina Classroom Suite 301 9am-4 pm 2031.401 Tu/W/Th:

March 1-March 3

Kristy Kutch Art Workshop
March 7-8-9-10-11—CANCELLED

#### Betty Carr Art Workshops

www.bettycarrfineart.com/ 2-day Fee: P\$125 R\$130 G\$135 3-day Fee: P\$188 R\$193 G\$198 La Reina Classroom Suite 301 9-4:30pm

Oil 2 day Sa/Su: March 19-March 20 (2-day)

Watercolor 3 day M/Tu/W: March 21-March 23 (3-day)





#### Susanna Spann

Still has seats available! Apr 19-20 \$141 Crystal and Glass Watercolor

Apr 21-22 \$141 Florals Watercolor Crystal and Floral Workshops Seats still available in both

www.susannaspann.com/ 2 days Fee: P\$131 R\$136 G\$141 *La Reina Classroom* Suite 301 9am-4:30pm

<u>Crystal Workshop</u> 2035.401 Tu/W: Apr. 19- Apr. 20 Floral Workshop 2035.402 Th/F: Apr. 21- Apr. 22



There will be no future workshops through the college, after April, 2011

Workshops are held at The Villages Lifelong Learning College. To view catalog, go to:

www.

thevillageslifelongcollege.com

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### JOAL'S TRAVELS (trip completed as of this printing)

# WINTER TRIP—Wed.—March 2nd—Get Surreal!! Art Trip to St. Petersburg to see the new \$36 Million <u>Dali Museum</u>

Surrealism makes the strangeness of the world ordinary and the boring ordinariness of the world weird and marvelous. It is about play and invention and self-discovery. Brand new museum - Starbucks Coffee & Donuts - plus Curator- Lunch on your own.

#### Also—Afternoon at The Henry B. Plant Museum, Tampa

Transports you through educational exhibits and events to the Late Victorian Period; the beginning of Florida's Tourist Industry. Prior guests included Teddy Roosevelt and his Rough Riders, Sarah Bernhardt, Babe Ruth, Clara Barton, Stephen Crane, Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, the Prince of Wales, the Queen of England, on and on.....

#### Trip Includes:

Curator, Bus transportation, Snacks, Entrance Fees to the Museums. \$50.00 for this fabulous trip. Act early. This trip will fill up fast. Bus leaves Saddlebrook at 7:45 am & returns Saddlebrook 6:pm

Send your checks ((including your phone number & address) to:

Joal Litavsky 1004 Sierra Blanca Ct. The Villages, Fl 32159 352-259-0459

"There is only one difference between a madman and me. I am not mad." – Salvador Dali

#### AHA WORKSHOPS

#### Colored Pencil Backgrounds for the Impatient Artist with Kathy Enos

**The Visual Arts Association (VAA)** announces that the next Artist Helping Artists (AHA) Program on Wednesday, March 9, will feature award-winning color pencil artist, Kathy Enos. Ever notice how tedious it is to put greenery such as florals, parks, jungles, and forests, in the background of a painting after you have finished with the focal point? This workshop will show you a fun and simple way of handling backgrounds involving foliage. The program will be held starting at 12:30 pm at Sea Breeze Recreation Center. A list of supplies is posted on the following website: www.thevisualartsassociation.com in the AHA Section. The website also recommends that some preparation to done prior to the program. A donation to help defray the expenses of the guest artist is suggested. **Refer questions to Frank Zampardi, 352-753-8770** 

#### **ARTISTS' TRADING CARDS**

**The Art Trading Card group (ATC)** will meet on the 2nd & 4th Wed of the month (March 9th & 23rd) at Mulberry Recreation Center in the Freedom Room at 12:30.

All Village artists are welcome. No fees involved, just come to create and trade.

For more information call Margie Picard 750-1965

#### WORKSHOPS

<u>Pen and Ink Workshops</u>—share the same time and place with the Colored Pencil Workshops at Laurel Manor, the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 9-11 am

<u>Sketching Made Easy</u>—held on Sats. At 9 am at Saddlebrook Rec. Center.

Figure Drawing Workshop—held 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 9:30am at the Pimlico Rec. Center

Fine Arts Painting—meets 1-3pm each Tues. at Paradise Center. Contact Ellen Reinhart 430-1985

<u>The Art Studio</u>—meets every Thurs. 9-noon at Colony Cottage. Contact Judi Adams 2870-316-1282

<u>Playing With Watercolors</u>—Hibiscus Rec. Center each Thurs. 1:00pm.

<u>Wet 'N Wild Watercolors Group</u>—Saddlebrook Rec. Center each Sat. 12:00noon.

Splash With Us—a transparent watercolor class meets Wednesdays 9:30-12 at Colony Cottage and every Monday except the first Monday of the month - 1:30-3:30. Call Julie McGlone at 750-1068 or e-mail: mcglone72@hotmail.com to register

Collage and Fiber Arts Workshop—meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays, 12:30 to 3pm at Mulberry Grove. sharing the room with Margie Picard's Art Trading Cards Workshop

The VAA Oil Painters—meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Mulberry Recreation Center from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. Work on your own subject or paint along with Mike Daley and Roger Sherman, who will be available for assistance.. Call Mike Daley for any questions, 352-753-5987

<u>Colored Pencil Workshops</u>—meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at Laurel Manor Rec. Center from 9-11 am with Nan Klein instructing.

<u>Fun With Watercolors Class</u>—meets 9-11:20 every Monday, except the first Monday of every month, at SeaBreeze Recreation Center. Contact Rebecca Schwartz 352-633-3887

<u>Art Chix & Chaps</u>—meets 9-11:30 every Thursday. except the first Thursday of every month, at SeaBreeze from 9-11:30. Contact Rebecca Schwartz 352-633-3887

First Ovation Exhibition -Dorothy Gillespie Exhibition Dates: February 12, 2011 – May 1, 2011

Dorothy Gillespie's illustrious career in art spans over 50 years during which time she has created and exhibited her art work nationally and internationally. At 90, splitting her time between her Orlando and NYC studios, Gillespie's career continues at a dizzying pace. Gillespie's colorful paintings, collages, murals and sculpture will vividly transform the Museum.



FMWA - 100 N. Woodland Blvd. Suite 1,
DeLand, Fl 32720

Museum Hours: Tue-Thurs 11am-6pm, Fri-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun
1pm-5pm.
www.FloridaMuseumforWomenArtists.org

For more information, please contact Kathryn Peterson, Executive Director (386) 873-2976 or KPeterson@FloridaMuseumforWomenArtists.org CIGAML
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GOLD LUCKY POT

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#### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Karen Armstrong
Pat Cini
Seymour Giles
Marvin Glick
Gayle Hancock
Fran Maciejewski
Carolyn Mohr
Barbara Murdoch
Karen Ombrello
Gretchen Smith
Pat Smith

#### SOMETHING SWEET GALLERY

The Visual Arts Association, The Village Art League and Wet & Wild invite you to visit the "Something Sweet Gallery" at 998 Bichara Blvd. to view their show.

Work will hang until April 28, 2011.

There will be a Polo Art Show, Sunday March 20, 2011.

Start thinking about Polo things!!

For more information, call "Freddie" Venturoni at (259-2577)

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# Don't forget to check out our VALWEBSITE AT:

WWW.THEVILLAGESARTLEAGUE.ORG



#### VAL now has a Facebook page!

To join, go to <u>Facebook.com</u>, then Search for: <u>The Villages Art League</u>.

#### **Executive Committee:**

Co-Presidents:	Susan Evans	753-3841
	Fran Naughton	350-2169
Vice President;	Bill Main	430-2923
Secretary:	Trudie Peterson	753-8012
Treasurer:	Diane Andrus	751-4824

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Artist of the Month:	Kathy Hansen	750-0641
Program:	Phyllis Speicher	Not Available at this time
Showcase/Art Festival	Nancy Dias	751-1033
Sunshine:	Charlie Clayton	750-4110
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#### **VAL BANK EXHIBITS**

If you are interested in displaying your art:
At <u>Citizens Bank</u> on 466
Contact Diane Andrus—751-4824

Work is on display for March

THANK YOU TO
THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS
WHO PROVIDED THE REFRESHMENTS FOR
TODAY'S MEETING